

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method for allowing a user to dynamically change the style of an online resume that is created using an online guided resume creation system, the system comprising at least one database, the at least one database comprising a plurality of fields requiring input of data, the method comprising the steps of:

a) displaying a plurality of resume styles for user selection, each one of the plurality of resume styles having a corresponding style sheet describing the resume style, including positions within the resume style of fields of data from the database;

b) collecting data from a user;

c) prompting the user to select one resume style from the plurality of resume styles;

d) automatically creating a file from the user data;

e) applying the style sheet corresponding to the selected resume style to the file to transform the file into a resume file that is viewable online and printable.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

15 f) repeating steps (c) – (e) until the user is satisfied with the resume file, thereby allowing the user to dynamically apply different styles to the resume file.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

mapping the user information to the plurality of fields in the database; and





of:

mapping the user information to the plurality of fields in the database;

and

storing the mapped user information in the database.

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15. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 further comprising the instruction of allowing the user to edit the resume file.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15 further comprising the instruction of providing the user with an option to view the resume file.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 15 further comprising the instruction of displaying the resume file.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 further comprising the instruction of storing the resume file as a web page on the Internet.

19. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the resume file is formatted in HTML.

20. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein instruction (d) further



resume styles to apply to the resume file.

25. The system of claim 24 wherein the user information is mapped to the plurality of fields in the database, and the mapped user information is stored in the database.

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26. The system of claim 25 further comprising means for allowing the user to edit the resume file.

27. The system of claim 26 further including means for providing the user with an option to view the resume file.

28. The system of claim 26 wherein the resume file is displayed to the user.

29. The system of claim 25 wherein the resume file is stored as a web page on the Internet.

30. The system of claim 23, wherein the file is created using XML.

31. The system of claim 30, wherein the plurality of resume style sheets are in XSL.

32. The system of claim 31, wherein the resume file is formatted in HTML.



35. The method of claim 34, wherein the numerical value assigned to each field increases by twofold for each successive field.

36. The method of claim 35 further including the step of using XML to create a file from the user data and applying a style sheet from the plurality of style sheets to transform the file into an HTML resume file.

37. The method of claim 36 further including the step of storing the HTML resume as a web page on the Internet.

38. A method for allowing a user to customize a style of an online resume that is created using an online guided resume creation system, the system comprising at least one database, the at least one database comprising a plurality of fields requiring input of data, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) displaying a plurality of resume styles for user selection, each one of the plurality of resume styles having a corresponding style sheet describing the resume style, including positions within the resume style of fields of data from the database;
- b) collecting data from a user;
- c) prompting the user to select one resume style from the plurality of resume styles, the resume style having a plurality of custom settings;
- d) allowing the user to adjust the plurality of custom settings associated with the selected resume style;
- e) automatically creating a file from the user data, the user selected resume



style, and the adjusted plurality of custom settings;

f) applying the style sheet corresponding to the selected resume style to the file, thereby transforming the file into a resume file that is viewable online and printable.

5 39. The method of claim 38, wherein the allowing step (d) further comprises the steps of:

d1) dividing the online resume into a plurality of common elements, the plurality of common elements being components of a typical resume; and

d2) allowing the user to modify the appearance of a common element of the plurality of common elements.

40. The method of claim 39, wherein the allowing step (d) further comprises the step of:

d3) allowing the user to adjust a line spacing component of the online resume, whereby the user can modify a distance between lines of the online resume.

sub 41. The method of claim 40 further comprising the step of:

g) repeating steps (c) – (f) until the user is satisfied with the resume file.

42. The method of claim 41 further comprising the steps of:

mapping the user information to the plurality of fields; and

storing the mapped user information in the at least one database.

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